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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOME CARE SERVICES TO DISABLED PERSONS EIGHTEEN TO SIXTY-FOUR YEARS OF AGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services shall establish and operate a state-funded pilot program
3 to allow no more than fifty persons with disabilities (1) who are age
4 eighteen to sixty-four, inclusive, (2) who are inappropriately
5 institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate institutionalization, and (3)
6 whose assets, if single, do not exceed the minimum community spouse
7 protected amount pursuant to Section 4022.05 of the department's
8 uniform policy manual or, if married, the couple's assets do not exceed
9 one hundred fifty per cent of said community spouse protected
10 amount to be eligible to receive the same services that are provided
11 under the state-funded home care program for the elderly established
12 pursuant to subsection (i) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes.
13 Such persons shall also be eligible to receive services that are necessary
14 to meet their unique needs in order to avoid institutionalization.

15 (b) Any person participating in the pilot program whose income

16 exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall
 17 contribute to the cost of care in accordance with the methodology
 18 established for recipients of medical assistance pursuant to Sections
 19 5035.20 and 5035.25 of the department's uniform policy manual.

20 (c) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under
 21 the pilot program shall not exceed fifty per cent of the weighted
 22 average cost of care in nursing homes in the state.

23 (d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social
 24 Services shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
 25 statutes, on the pilot program to the joint standing committees of the
 26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 27 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services.

28 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social
 29 Services, shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 30 Services, for a home and community-based services waiver pursuant
 31 to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, that will permit the
 32 commissioner to include in the Medicaid funded home care program
 33 established pursuant to section 17b-342 of the general statutes, a pilot
 34 program for fifty persons with disabilities who meet all eligibility
 35 requirements, excluding the age requirement, prescribed for the home
 36 care program established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 17b-342
 37 of the general statutes. Such persons shall be eligible to receive the
 38 same services that are provided under the home care program for the
 39 elderly and any services that are necessary to meet their unique needs
 40 in order to avoid institutionalization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve access to home and community-based services to disabled persons who are eighteen to sixty-four years of age who are inappropriately institutionalized or at risk for such institutionalization.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]